

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the restriction requirement mailed on November 3, 2004 in the above-identified application. Restriction is required between claims 1-18 of Group I, drawn to bristles, and claims 19-21 of Group II, drawn to a method of manufacturing bristles.

The applicants hereby elect, *without traverse*, to prosecute claims 1-18 of Group I drawn to bristles. The applicants have also added herein new claims 22-24 directed to a bristle device including a brush or a broom. No new matter has been entered. Support for these new claims can be found in originally filed claims 1 and 12, and in the specification at pages 8 and 9.

Original method claims 19-21 have been canceled herein without prejudice. The applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later filed continuing application. No new claims fees are due, since 21 claims were originally paid for and 21 claims remain pending upon entry of this paper.

The applicants hereby respectfully request early and favorable consideration of pending claims 1-18 and 22-24 in due course. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order to discuss any issues raised by submission of this paper, or any other matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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